

#13  
W M  
6/6/03

SERIAL NO. 09/544,992



PATENT  
Docket RAL919990140US1

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))</b>	
<i>I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 27, 2003,</i>	
by <u>Karen Orzechowski</u>	Signature: <u>Karen Orzechowski</u>

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of	:	May 27, 2003
Brian M. Bass et al.	:	IBM Corporation - 9CCA/B002
	:	P.O. Box 12195
Serial No. 09/544,992	:	Research Triangle Park,
	:	North Carolina 27709
Filed: Apr. 6, 2000	:	Unit: 2172
For: LONGEST PREFIX MATCH (LPM)	:	
ALGORITHM IMPLEMENTATION FOR	:	Examiner: Anh Ly
A NETWORK PROCESSOR	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**  
JUN 05 2003  
Technology Center 2100

Sir:

**In the Remarks:**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003.

Claims 1-24 and 35-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,404,752 issued to Allen Jr. et al.

In response to the rejection, a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 is filed with this Amendment. The Declaration (3 forms) is executed by all, except Antonios Maragkos of the co-inventors. Antonios Maragkos is no longer an employee of IBM, assignee, of the above identified